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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 258

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ways
and Means

Brief*

SB 258, as amended, would allow a state university employee to provide factual information, advice, or recommendations related to the negotiated terms of a technology licensing agreement or other research or development agreement between the university and a company in which the employee has substantial interest, with two exceptions. Employees who have the authority to negotiate or to approve the agreement on behalf of the university would not be allowed to provide factual information, advice, or recommendations. Employees who would receive a direct financial benefit would be limited to providing factual information only.

The bill would become part the governmental ethics laws.

Background

The Committee amended the bill to prohibit employees receiving a direct financial benefit from providing factual information related to these types of agreements.

The Kansas Board of Regents provided written testimony in support of the original bill and a representative from the University of Kansas spoke in support of the original bill.

There were no opponents to the original bill.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

